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SUBJECT: SECVISIT LA

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BRIEFING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE
IN SECTY' S NAME BY BRAY. IT WILL BE ALONG FOL LINES, WHICH
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3. PLEASE RESPOND FLASH IF YOUR HOST GOVT HAS ANY PROBLEM WITH WED. ANNOUNCEMENT.

4. DRAFT TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE I WILL BE DEPARTING AT THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST ON MAY 12 FOR A 16 DAY VISIT TO 8 LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES -- MEXICO, NICARAGUA, VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA, PERU, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA AND JAMAICA. I WILL BE HOLDING BUSINESS TALKS IN EACH CAPITAL ON BILATERAL, HEMISPHERIC AND WORLD- WIDE ISSUES IN WHICH WE ARE MUTUALLY INVOLVED, AND I WILL BE REPRESENTING THE PRESIDENT AT THE ARGENTINE INAUGURATION. I HOPE THAT THE VISIT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING OUR EVOLVING INTER- AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP AS FIRM, AS REALISTIC, AND AS EQUITABLE AS FRIENDS CAN MAKE IT.

" PRESIDENT NIXON'S DECISION FOUR YEARS AGO TO PURSUE A LESS INTRUSIVE ROLE IN THE HEMISPHERE HAS BEEN ERRONEOUSLY PERCEIVED IN SOME QUARTERS AS AN ATTEMPT TO DIS-ENGAGE FROM OUR CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE HEMISPHERE. THE FACT IS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT THE SLIGHTEST INTEREST IN DIMINISHING ITS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE HEMISPHERE. WE WANT TO STRENGTHEN AND PERPETUATE IT BY PLACING IT ON A SOUNDER BASIS OF EQUALITY.

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